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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
Geography Division, ORR

Project Initiation Memorandum

To: Chief, Geographic Research

Project No.: 60.1742

From: Chief, Geography Division

Date: 16 February 1959
Revised 24 February 1959

1. Subject of Proposed Project: The Kurds

2. Statement of Problem: (Outline to be attached)

A detailed but rough (repetitive and with excessively long and involved headings) outline has been received from NEA and is being revised. See attached.

3. Requester:

OIS for NEA

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4. Responsible Analyst and Branch:

[REDACTED] (on loan), GG/N,
and [REDACTED], GG/S

5. Kind and Extent of Cooperation Desired from:

a. Other Divisions of the G Area (include maps):

Possibly 1 or 2 maps, if sufficient information is uncovered.

b. D/GI Domestic Procurement:

None

c. Other parts of CIA:

OCR (Library, Special Register), FDD, DD/P

d. Outside CIA:

6. Estimated Man Hours in D/GG: 600

7. Probable Completion Date: May 1959

8. Probable Form of Final Publication:

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9. Recommendations Regarding Distribution of Finished Report:

10. Comments:

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Approved:

Chief, Geography Division

Chief, Geographic Research

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1. TRIBES

Location
Mode of life
Social organization
Economic situation
Number of people
Military potential
Group cohesiveness
Political dynamics
Political orientation
Attitude and relationship toward other entities
Attitude toward key Kurdish leaders
Nature of intra-tribal relationships
Names of leaders (details in biographic appendix)
Leader-tribal relations
Quality of leadership
Stature and influence of leaders outside tribe

2. NATURE AND CAPABILITY OF COMMO LINKS

Between tribes
Between tribes and interested states

3. STATUS OF KURDS IN INDIGENOUS ARMIES

Total number
Officer and enlisted percentages by units
Location of units having appreciable Kurdish strength
Key commands held by Kurd officers
Reliability of Kurdish officers and men
 When used against Kurds
 When used otherwise
Army and government influence of selected Kurdish officers

4. KURDISH PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCES

Purpose
Scope

5. INDICATIONS AND CAUSES OF UNREST IN KURDISH AREAS

6. INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

Details of any known use of propaganda on Kurds
Source
Objectives
Media
Size of audience
Results

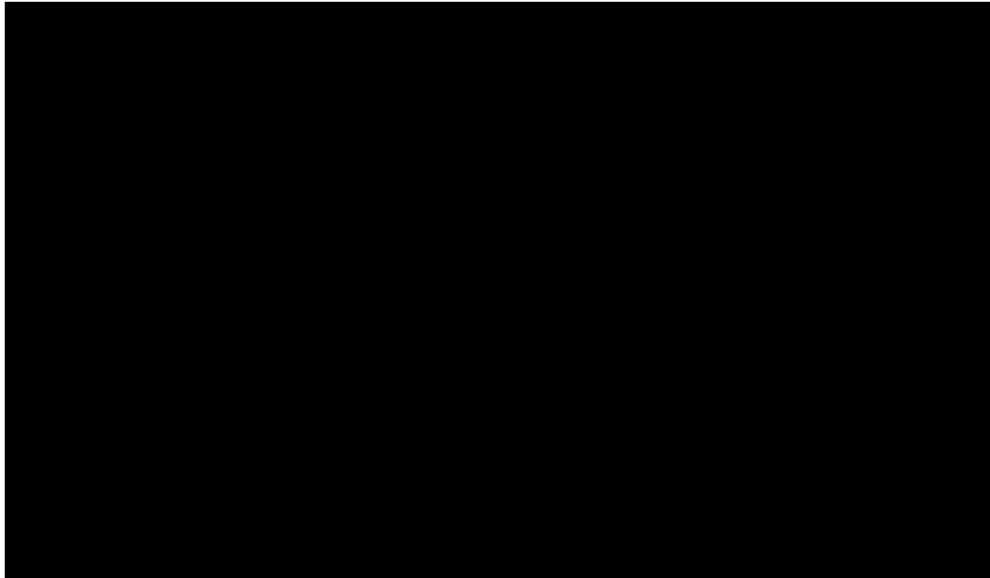
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7. PARENT COUNTRIES

Government attitude toward Kurdish minority
Popular attitude toward Kurdish minority
Ability to influence its own Kurds
Ability to influence Kurds in another country
Policy and plans of each
Reaction of each to
 An uprising of its own Kurds
 An uprising of adjacent Kurds
 Widespread movement for independent Kurdistan

8. BIOGRAPHIC APPENDIX

(All facts and thinking by and about Kurdish individuals, including position in tribe, leanings and associates)